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1. [redacted] the army is now a very secret organization. Army unit designations are not publicized and it is almost impossible to learn the identity of military units stationed in any locality. [redacted] Soviet Army-type uniforms have been adopted and [redacted] Russian liaison officers are attached to the Czechoslovak Army, but their duties are not known. The army now sings Russian-language songs, which are political in theme. The form of address used when speaking to another member of the army is "Sudruk" (Comrade), followed by the appropriate rank. The formal, or polite, "you" is employed in communications between army personnel, even when addressing an individual of lesser rank. Each garrison has its own army physician who does not work in the civil dispensaries or hospitals. His duties are confined solely to military medical assignments.
2. At the end of 1951 many doctors were called into the Czechoslovak army. These men were asked to volunteer their services and were promised ranks of captain or major. The period of service required was not stated by the recruiting authorities. Those who refused to volunteer were threatened with forced induction at a lieutenant's rank, at which level they would be obligated to stay for three years. The number of officers of Slovak origin holding general's rank is believed to be only two. A Dr. Jan Paskan, who held general's rank, is the only high-ranking general medical officer [redacted] He was at Bratislava, and was a non-Communist. [redacted] he may have been dismissed from the service. [redacted]
3. Although the Czechoslovak government has an Air Force, no plane-ambulances are known to be operating in Slovakia, but they may be in use in Bohemia and Moravia. (The Soviet air force used helicopters in 1951 to spray fields in its effort to wipe out the plague of potato bugs.)
4. A military medical school is located at Hradec Kralove. All of the professors at this school are now activated and hold an army rank. Nurses and veterinarians are recruited from civilian ranks. There is no military veterinary school in the CSR.

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5. [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] There is a Col. Dr. Kovac now in Prague; it is rumored that
25X1 he is interested in aero-medical affairs, [redacted]
[redacted]
6. [redacted] immunizations carried out in the Czech army include
25X1 those against typhoid and smallpox, [redacted]
25X1 It is believed that the army maintains an excellent, effective venereal
25X1 disease control program. Blood-group determination of all soldiers
25X1 is carried out.
7. [redacted] the army does not suffer from a scarcity of medical
25X1 supplies and equipment. This belief is based on the fact that the
armed forces are given priority in supplies. The army has at its
disposal very good ambulances of the US type, which have been made
in the CSR, presumably by Skoda.
8. Young men 19-21 years of age are called into the army every year.
These men are subjected to a qualifying physical examination,
conducted at the district hospitals. The examination includes
x-ray, blood analysis, and some routine physical tests (eyes, teeth,
heart, etc). Prior to World War II, candidates were placed in three
categories after physical examination, viz, capable of field service,
capable of clerical work, and disqualified for military service. At
present, the first two classes are judged fit for field service,
and many of those formerly disqualified are judged fit for clerical
duties. Only in very rare cases is a candidate declared unfit for
military service.
9. A medical supply warehouse was located at Leptovsky Sv Mikulas before
World War II. [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] At the present time there is a national order, adminis-
25X1 tered through the OUNZ (in Trnava, Dr. Keles is responsible officer),
25X1 requiring that certain cellars and many buildings be reserved for
medical supplies. In the Tulipan section of Trnava, the Catholic
Church rectory has been designated as medical supply depot.
[redacted] the air-
raid shelters at Trnava hospital were to be enlarged for supplies.

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